

DEMAND CHANGES IN EXCHANGE AND ASSAIL GAMBLERS

Operations of Unscrupulous
Speculators Roundly De-
nounced by Cotton Men.

RENNIE NEW PRESIDENT; MAY MEET HERE AGAIN

Many Important Matters Consid-
ered on Final Day of Conven-
tion—Danger of Increasing
Production Beyond De-
mand of Country Is
Pointed Out.

THOUGH disclaiming hostility to-
ward the New York Cotton Ex-
change in such measure as
might threaten its destruction,
the American Cotton Manufac-
turers' Association, at its session yes-
terday, severely condemned the prac-
tice of quoting future contracts on an
average of 200 points below the actual
selling price of spot. Admission of
the value of the exchange to spinner
and producer was freely made, but
there was a general demand for
changed conditions in the manage-
ment, with a plea for the elimination
of the speculator and gambler, who shoots
prices up and down when the fluctua-
tion is not justified by the facts.
The one feature of the day was the
presentation of a report by the com-
mittee, which had been in conference
with representatives of the New York
Cotton Exchange and the American Cotton
Manufacturers' Association. When the
document was read by a representative
of the association, Mr. R. R. Dancy, of
Texas, the chairman, there was a lively
discussion. Mr. R. R. Dancy, of Texas,
vigorously denouncing the gambling
evil on the trading floor.

Rennie Elected President.

As indicated heretofore in The
Times-Dispatch, Mr. T. H. Rennie, of
Pell City, Ala., was elected president,
the nomination being received with
great applause. Mr. Lewis W. Parker,
of Greenville, S. C., whom President
Rennie introduced as the man con-
trolling probably the largest number
of spindles in the country, was elected
vice-president. Mr. C. C. Ashby,
of Philadelphia, was chosen for a
second term as chairman of the
board of governors. New members of
the board elected are Messrs. Charles
H. Smith, of Birmingham; S. C. John C.
Rankin, of Lowell, S. C.; and
Amory, of Boston. Mr. D. A. Tompkins,
of Charlotte, N. C., was elected his-
torian, a new office created at this ses-
sion. Mr. Charles B. Bryant, of Char-
lotte, was re-elected secretary and
treasurer.

The determination of the manufac-
turers to refrain from connection with
organizations which are semi-political
in their nature was again emphasized
when the committee on co-operation
with other organizations recommended the
rejection of overtures from the Citizens'
Industrial Union and the National Joint
Commission, with headquarters in
Washington.

Not to Increase Production.

By unanimous consent Mr. Parker,
of South Carolina, introduced the fol-
lowing resolution, which was adopted:
"That the American Cotton Manufac-
turers' Association, in its annual con-
ference, should urge its members not to be misled
thereby to increase production beyond
the consumptive demand of the country."
In recommending the adoption of the
resolution, Mr. A. H. Lowe, of Massa-
chusetts, said that the indication of
returning prosperity, with the conse-
quent possibility of increased produc-
tion, is the greatest danger ahead of
the cotton industry. He urged the
movement to start all the machinery
will kill all the good that has come
out of late.

With Richmond, Baltimore, Atlanta,
Charlotte and Old Point urging the as-
sociation to meet there next year, the
decision was left to the action of the
governors, which will make the selection
at some subsequent date. The cordial
invitation extended by Mr. W. T.
Dabney, business manager of the
association, was received with
great appreciation, which far
exceeded the presentation of claims
from the other committees.

Cotton Exchange Evils.

The report of the committee on cotton
exchanges, the most important document
brought forth during the day, read by
Chairman Smith, contained recom-
mendations to the exchange for
modifications of contracts so that they
will be of real value and responsive
to spot conditions. What is most
earnestly desired is a rule by which
contracts will not be quoted far be-
low the price of the raw staple, the
effect of which on export goods is
understood by spinners. As an evi-
dence of the relations between spin-
ners and producers, the report con-
tained the plan of the South upon the
remarkable manner in which they
had been able by the exercise of good
business judgment to dispose of their
crop at fairly remunerative prices, not-
withstanding adverse conditions of the
time and adverse conditions on the
exchanges.

Explaining the report, which is
published in this issue, Chair-
man Smith admitted that manufac-
turers were placed in a rather pecu-
liar condition when quotations were
sent out from New York 200 or 225
cents below spot cotton, and charged
that it was done to depress the sell-
ing rate. "There is no reason," he
continued, "why the exchanges should
not give quotations relatively as near
the value of the cotton as 2 cents
below the actual cost, and as they
are not familiar with the difference,
they imagine that spinners are en-

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WAS AFRAID OF SUN

Artist Fearing Being Hurled Into Space
Creates a Sensation.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, Va., May 21.—Louis Mac-
caccaro, an accomplished Italian artist
from Genoa, Italy, created a sensation
here by suddenly becoming insane, as
the train on which he was riding pulled
up to the station. He was seen to be
surging to and fro before the
coach window as the train rolled up
to the station. Springing from his seat
he ran wildly to the platform and
stood there, when he was
stopped by a policeman, who took him
to the police station and locked him
up. The stranger seemed to be in a
state of unusual excitement and fear.
After he had become somewhat com-
posed, Mayor Rice set about investi-
gating his case. On an inner pocket of
Maccaccaro's coat was found a large
piece of white paper. Unfolding this
the Mayor beheld a small cross in the
center, and beginning at the center
of the cross rings extending to the
edges of the paper, the diagram was
neatly executed crayon work. Holding
it up before the Italian, Mayor Rice
inquired: "What is this?" With a wild
stare the stranger replied: "Ah, that is
it, that is it, that is that which set
my brain to whirling!"

Maccaccaro then went on to explain,
as he pointed to the diagram: "That
represents the earth. You see every-
thing has a center. That cross is the
center, and around that center the
earth is revolving from west to east
at the rate of thousands of miles a
minute. I have studied the diagram in
vain to find out what keeps me from
being hurled headlong into space, with
the earth spinning at so rapid a rate."
Maccaccaro went on to tell that as
the train on which he was riding came
into the station, he was looking west at
State Street he observed the sun, which
appeared as a ball of fire. The im-
pulse seized him that he was doomed
to destruction, and that he could not
possibly prevent the catastrophe of be-
ing hurled headlong through the car
window into the air.

Maccaccaro is a member of the Post-
ers' Artist Association of America, and
information from the president of that
association at Erie, Pa., is to the ef-
fect that he is highly educated and an
artist of superior ability.

PLUNGES DOWN FORTY FEET

Ex-Treasurer Gilliam Falls or Falls
from Car—Probably Fatally Injured.

PETERSBURG, Va., May 21.—An un-
explained tragedy occurred on the high
wooden trestle of the Virginia Passen-
ger and Power Company's Interurban
electrical line, before the approach to
the river about twenty minutes to 10
o'clock this morning, when Mr. Samuel
J. Gilliam, one of the best known citi-
zens of Dinwiddie, and until January
1, 1907, treasurer of the county for
eleven years, eluded or jumped or fell
from the rear platform of a car bound
for Richmond, as it reached the curve
at the Chesterfield county end of the
bridge, plunging to the ground, about
forty feet below, where he was picked
up unconscious, with probably fatal in-
juries, his right leg being fractured,
skull fractured, several ribs broken,
and internal injuries suffered.

He was taken to the Petersburg
Hospital, where little hope seems to be
entertained for his recovery. It is un-
derstood that Mr. Gilliam has no recol-
lection of how he was injured, asking
those around him as he lay in a semi-
conscious condition, how it occurred.
He had purchased a round-trip ticket
to Richmond, and some people on the
car said he had been drinking. "Good-
by, I am going," or said something of the
kind; but the exact nature of the af-
fair is undetermined. Mr. Gilliam is
reputed to be a man of wealth, with
very extensive real estate holdings. The
fact that the occurrence his wife was
notified at her home, near Church Road,
and is with her husband.

At the hospital to-night the physi-
cians report Mr. Gilliam's condition as
exceedingly critical. He is suffering
from profound shock as well as from
many injuries, but the skull is not
fractured as at first believed. He will
probably live through the night.

T. P. A. HOSTS GATHER

Large Attendance Expected When State
Convention Opens To-Day.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROANOKE, Va., May 21.—The Ponce
de Leon Hotel presents a lively ap-
pearance to-night, as the delegates to the
seventeenth annual convention of the
T. P. A. are beginning to come in.
About sixty came in to-night, from
here and there. Nearly all guests
will be at this hotel to-morrow morn-
ing.

The convention will be called to or-
der at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning
in Assembly Hall by E. Boyd Stephens,
of Post J. Mayor, who is the delegates to
conduct the organization, and Presi-
dent B. B. Adams, of Lynchburg, will
respond. The remainder of the morn-
ing session and the afternoon session
will be devoted to hearing reports of
the various districts, who will be banqueted
at the Ponce de Leon. President L. E.
Johnson, of the Norfolk and Western,
will be toastmaster. E. R. Barksdale,
will speak on "Making Good." Julian
W. W. Ware, of "The T. P. A.,"
and addresses will be made by Colonel
John S. Harwood, of the national legis-
lative committee; Mayor Cutchin and
E. B. Jacobs, president of the Common
Council.

FORT COMING TO VIRGINIA

Will Address Tobacco Growers Who
Are Interested in Pooling.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEXINGTON, Va., May 21.—Hon.
Joel B. Fort, of Clarksville, Tenn., passed
through here to-day on his way to
Danville, Va., where he will ad-
dress the organization, and President
of tobacco growers, explaining to them
how the Kentucky branch of the Ameri-
can Society of Equity was formed, and
how the tobacco pool was formed.
Mr. Fort says the Virginians are
anxious to adopt the same methods
in that State that have proved so suc-
cessful in Kentucky. He expects action
to be taken while he is at Danville.
In Kentucky the Society of Equity has
over 50,000 members, and the pool, and
the price has been forced by it from
5 and 6 cents per pound to 15 and 20
cents.

KILLED IN SAW MILL

Youth, While Adjusting Saw, Caught in
Machinery and Hurt to Death.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HARRISONBURG, Va., May 21.—
Philip Sheets, sixteen years old, son
of C. C. Sheets, while adjusting a saw
at the plant of the Stiegel Lumber
Corporation, at Stokesville, was caught
by a set screw and drawn into the
belting and whirled round the flywheel.
One arm and three ribs were
broken, and he fell on a buzz-saw,
which cut him badly. He died two
hours after the accident occurred.

DR. MOORE CHOSEN AS ASSEMBLY HEAD

Well-Known Divine Honored
by Election as Moderator
at Greensboro.

PRESENTED WITH GAVEL FROM OLD GUILFORD

Rev. Mr. Eggleston, of Rich-
mond, Elected One of the Tem-
porary Clerks—Reports on
Home Missions, Publica-
tion and the Bible
Cause.

GREENSBORO, N. C., May 21.—
The forty-eighth annual ses-
sion of the General Assembly
of the Southern Presbyterian
Church was called to order
here to-day. The sessions began at 11
o'clock in the First Presbyterian
Church.

Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton, of Lexing-
ton, Va., the retiring moderator,
preached the opening sermon. He
spoke particularly of the duty of the
white people to extend Christian influ-
ence among the negroes.

Rev. Dr. W. W. Moore, of Richmond,
Va., was elected moderator. Rev. Dr.
A. M. Curry, of Memphis, Tenn.; Rev.
Dr. J. E. Jones, of Meridian, Miss.,
and Rev. Dr. A. A. McGee, of Sher-
man, Tex., were among those placed in
nomination for the moderatorship. Dr.
Moore was elected upon the second
ballot.

Rev. E. M. Craig, of Alabama, and
Rev. R. B. Eggleston, of Richmond,
were appointed temporary clerks. Rev.
Melton Clark, pastor of the First
Church, presented the moderator with
a gavel from Old Guilford.

Mr. W. T. Ellis, of Philadelphia, ad-
dressed the assembly this afternoon
and to-night. There was a popular meet-
ing in the interest of the Bible cause.
The vote for moderator on the first
ballot was: Moore, 53; Curry, 46; Mc-
Gee, 25; Jones, 17. Total, 141.
Necessary to a choice, 57. The names
of McGee and Jones, the two lowest
votes, were dropped.

The vote on the second ballot re-
sulted: Moore, 97; Curry, 70.

Report on Home Missions.

The first business claiming the at-
tention of the assembly this afternoon
was the report of the executive com-
mittee of home missions, showing total
amount in hands of the treasurer dur-
ing year, \$165,147.99; receipts for home
missions, \$71,135.58; expenditures, \$78,
234.43; appropriation for home mis-
sions, \$12,979. The committee directed
attention to the growing needs of the
work, suggesting that the assembly
call upon the church for at least \$1
per member for the home mission
cause.

Following the report was an address
by W. T. Ellis, press correspondent of
the Laymen's Missionary Movement,
who spoke upon the conditions and
needs of the foreign field and the duty
of the assembly in the present finan-
cial report of the executive com-
mittee of publication and Sabbath school
work was then presented. This showed
encouraging progress in every de-
partment during the year.

ARE VOTING FOR BISHOPS

Five Ballots Taken, With Deep Interest
in Results—Employment of Men.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 21.—The bat-
tle for the bishoprics was hotly waged
to-day, and before adjournment of the
Methodist Episcopal General Con-
ference, the fifth ballot had been cast
and was in the hands of the tellers.
The report of the executive com-
mittee of the conference at its opening
to-morrow morning.

The election of Rev. Edwin H.
Hughes on an early ballot is looked
for confidently. The ballots thus far
cast show marked gains for Rev. G.
L. Goodell, the pastor of Calvary
Church, New York, whose votes have
increased from 194 on the first ballot,
to 392 on the fourth. Rev. Homer C.
Stuntz, of Madison, N. J., held sec-
ond place on the fourth ballot, having
gained ten places in the list since the
first ballot. On the fourth ballot he
was eleventh, with 195 votes. The
leading colored candidate, M. C. B. Mas-
on, developed his greatest strength
on the second ballot, when he was
thirty-fourth, with 275 to 241, just
four votes more than he received on
the first ballot.

It is expected that the newly elected
German bishop, Nielsen, will be given
an Episcopal residence in Berlin, and
the desire of the Methodist Episcopal
Church to get in closer touch with
laboring men and women.

The temperance committee has been
asked to define the duty of a Methodist
minister who may be assigned by court
to defend a liquor seller.

DECLARE FOR TEMPERANCE

One of the Last Acts of African Confer-
ence—Federation Commission.

NORFOLK, Va., May 21.—Strong res-
olutions in favor of temperance and in-
dorsing the action of States and coun-
ties, prohibiting the sale of intoxicat-
ing liquors, were passed yesterday dur-
ing the closing hours of the African
M. E. Conference. Bishop B. F. Lee,
of Norfolk, presided.

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TOROUGH NUMBER FROM THE SOUTH

Crumpacker to Try and Get
Bill Reducing Representa-
tion Through House.

ACT OF RETALIATION TOWARD DEMOCRATS

Measure to Be Coupled With
Bill for Publishing Campaign
Contributions—Formal An-
nouncement of No Cur-
rency Legislation—For-
est Reserve.

Times-Dispatch Bureau.
Washington, D. C., May 21.—
The Republican leaders of the
House have arranged to pull
off a coup to-morrow which
they calculate will put the
Democrats in a bad hole. Rep-
resentative Crumpacker, of Indiana,
who has long ridden the hobby of re-
duction of Southern representation in
Congress, will call to to-morrow a
measure, which will be the McCall
bill, requiring publicity of contribu-
tions to campaign funds and the
Crumpacker bill reducing the repre-
sentation in Congress in those States
which have disfranchised the negro.

It is thought the bill will pass.
The Democrats have been clamoring
for a bill to compel that contributions
to campaign funds shall be made pub-
lic. One of the reasons for the filibuster
of Democrats, which has lasted so
long, was the refusal of the Republi-
cans to allow such a bill to be con-
sidered. Crumpacker conceived the
idea of allowing the Democrats to
have a chance to vote on such a meas-
ure, but then turning the bill into
his bill cutting down Southern rep-
resentation in proportion to negro dis-
franchisement.

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fore Speaker Cannon, who almost had
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No Currency Law.

The Senate adopted to-day the Aldrich
resolution for a joint committee
of the Senate and House to con-
sider the question of currency legisla-
tion during the vacation of
Congress and report at the next
session. The joint committee of the
Senate, to which was referred the
Vreeland bill, which passed the House,
and the Aldrich bill, which had pre-
viously passed the Senate, and which
the latter body adopted by a substi-
tute for the House measure, is not ex-
pected to report at this session. Inci-
dentally, it may be said that the con-
ferences are never expected to make a
report.

The Republicans, by the appointment
of a commission, have confessed their
inability to enact currency legisla-
tion, even though caucus action was taken
to compel the majority of the House to
vote for some currency bill. The Dem-
ocrats have urged that the best
thing to be done was to let what the
Republicans have done. They took the
ground upon the assertion that a com-
mission was better than such legisla-
tion as it was possible to get from a
Republican Congress.

Every Democratic vote on the Banking
and Currency Committee voted for Chair-
man Fowler's resolution appointing a
commission. Speaker Cannon exerted
every particle of power at his com-
mand to defeat Fowler's plan and com-
pelled the passage of a currency bill.
Now he is compelled to accept a meas-
ure supported by the Democrats and a
small minority of the Republicans. It
is hard to see how the complete fail-
ure of the majority party to enact
currency legislation at this
session can be explained on the satis-
faction of the voters this fall.

Mr. Aldrich in presenting the resolu-
tion for a commission stated that the
conference on the currency bill had
been unable to agree upon a report.
On the second ballot his vote was to ad-
journ at an early day, no action could
be reached at this session. That there
might be a thorough investigation
into banking and currency methods,
the conferees had agreed that the
conference should be held at the
residence of the conferees and be re-
commended for passage.

Saunders on Forest Reserve.

The House passed to-day the bill
authorizing the Speaker to appoint a
commission to investigate and report
at the next session upon the advisabil-
ity of establishing the Appalachian
White Mountain forest reserve. The
friends of the measure are not in the
slightest degree elated at the action of
the House, and many of them voted
against the bill.

Speaker Cannon will designate the
committee which is to investigate the
proposition, and as he himself is ill.

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WEATHER.

Fair and warmer.

PLATT WINS CASE; WOMAN IN TOMBS

Justice O'Gorman Dismisses
Suit and Charges Mac
Wood With Perjury.

BELIEVES HER GUILTY OF WICKED DESIGN

Testimony of Experts Entirely
Discredits Both Alleged Mar-
riage Certificate and Letters.
Plaintiff Soon Recovers
From Shock and Re-
iterates Claims.

NEW YORK, May 21.—Mae C.
Wood, wife of an absolute
divorce from United States
Senator Thomas C. Platt, of
New York, has been on trial
in the Supreme Court here for several
days, was committed to the Tombs
Prison late to-day after Justice O'Gor-
man had dismissed the complaint in
her action, and ordered her held in
\$5,000 bail on a charge of perjury.

The decision in Senator Platt's fa-
vor and the sudden and sensational
end of the suit came after a day when
the defense occurred largely with the
introduction of expert and other tes-
timony attacking the authenticity of
the documents by which the plaintiff
was seeking to establish her alleged
marriage to Senator Platt.

A handwriting expert testified that
in his opinion the body of the letter
in which Senator Platt was alleged to
have admitted his relation as husband
to the plaintiff was added after the
Senator's signature had been affixed.
The deposition by engraver and lit-
tographers called by counsel for Senator
Platt that the blank form upon which
the alleged Platt-Wood marriage cer-
tificate was prepared, was not litho-
graphed until three months after the
date upon which the marriage of Mae
Wood to Senator Platt was alleged to
have taken place.

Sticks to Her Story.

Miss Wood was recalled to the stand
in rebuttal. She was asked if, after
hearing the testimony about the mar-
riage certificate, she still reiterated
the charge that she had been married
to Senator Platt. She replied: "I
still reiterate it," she replied.
Justice O'Gorman turned to Miss
Wood and pointedly questioned her.
She repeated her assertion that the
marriage occurred as she had stated.
She admitted that she had been mar-
ried to Senator Platt, and when asked
by the court if she did not consider it
the duty of a husband to support his wife,
she replied: "Yes."

Orders Her to Tombs.

Senator Platt's counsel then moved
again for a dismissal of the complaint.
It was forthwith granted by Justice
O'Gorman, who, in rendering his deci-
sion, said:

"I cannot credit the plaintiff's evi-
dence as to the alleged marriage, and
the testimony, as it impressed the
court, is that this is a most wicked
design to support a false and fictitious
claim by forgery and perjury."

Forthwith Justice O'Gorman ordered
Mae Wood committed to the Tombs
on the charge of perjury. Platt was
in her case at \$5,000. She was obviously
staggered by the sudden turn of af-
fairs and the shock caused by the order
of arrest which the court made. She
quickly regained her composure, how-
ever, and by the time she reached the
city prison had resumed the air of
confidence which she held practically
throughout the trial.

DIES OF HYDROPHOBIA

Assessable Man, Bitten by Rabid Dog,
Deaf and Dumb.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 21.—Bitten
by a mad dog six weeks ago, James H.
West died of hydrophobia last night at
his home in this city, after a period
of terrible agony, the combined
strength of several men being re-
quired to restrain him until death
relieved him of his awful agony.
He is survived by a wife and three
children. Mrs. R. F. Lee, both of this
city, and Mrs. E. L. Minor, of Atlanta,
and three brothers—Dr. Charles West,
of Norfolk, Va.; Dr. J. H. West, of
Wadesboro, and Dr. F. West, of Atlan-
ta—also survive him.

Early one morning, six weeks ago,
Mr. West was attacked by a mad
dog on North Main Street. Without
warning the brute sprang at his vic-
tim, but Mr. West kicked it away. It
could not escape but sank its teeth
in his lower lip. Clutching the dog by
the throat, Mr. West fell to the pave-
ment, and the dog, which was a large
black and white, held it firmly, while J. H. McConnell,
who had hastened up with a hatchet,
dispatched the dog with a few well
directed blows.

Mr. West at once sought medical at-
tention and his wound was caut-
erized. The wound healed promptly, no
danger of hydrophobia was apprehended
until Saturday last, when Mr. West
was taken seriously ill. His condi-
tion grew rapidly worse and symptoms
of hydrophobia manifested themselves.
Everything that medical skill could do
was tried, but his agonizing death
followed.

Just prior to its attack on Mr. West,
the dog sprang at a negro and also
bit him in the lower lip. A "mad
stone" was applied to the wound, but
the dog apparently has suffered no
ill effects. The "mad stone," it
is said, was also applied to Mr. West's
wound, but not until several days after
he had been bitten.

Cash Coast Line Dividends.

NEW YORK, May 21.—Directors of
the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Com-
pany to-day declared a semiannual di-
vidend of 3 1/2 per cent. on common
stock, payable in cash. The last
semiannual dividend declared was
about 3 per cent., payable in certifi-
cates of indebtedness.

SIXTY KILLED IN WRECK

Heavy Express Train Plunges Into
Local, Crushing Out Lives.

ANTWERP, May 21.—One of the
worst railroad accidents in Europe in
recent times occurred at Contich, a sta-
tion six miles southeast of this city
on the main line at 8 o'clock this morn-
ing. The exact number of victims
had not been determined up to late
to-night, owing to the difficulty of re-
moving the bodies from the debris,
but the latest estimate places the num-
ber at sixty killed and 100 wounded.
The catastrophe appears to have been
due to a defective switch, where the
main line crosses a local line. At this
point a train carrying a large number
of pilgrims on their way to the shrine
at Tournai, was standing. Into this
the Antwerp-Brussels express dashed
at a speed of fifty miles an hour, lit-
erally leaping on top of it. The heavy
coaches of the express crushed the
lighter train into splinters. The sides
of the express cars were torn from
their fastenings, the floors collapsing,
thus precipitating the passengers to
the side of the track uninjured, whence
they fled, frenzied, across the fields.
But for this fact the death toll would
be much greater. Few of the occu-
pants of the local train escaped alive.
Those who were killed were badly
injured, many of them mortally.

The rescuers—even the doctors—
were sickened at the sight that met
their gaze. Evidence was found of
horrible death struggles that occurred
in the crushed coaches. In one place
a dismembered hand was found clut-
ching one of the supports of the train.
One body was found lying across
the boiler of a locomotive, crushed into
a shapeless mass. The majority of
the dead could not be recognized, either
because decapitated or their heads
being terribly crushed.

The switchman at Contich saw that
his switch was not working just as
the Antwerp express came thundering
down the line. He leaped from the
window of his signal station and hero-
ically ran down the track toward the
oncoming train, waving a red flag.
His effort, however, was too late to
avert a disaster. The engineer and
the fireman of the express train were
killed at their posts.

The judicial authorities of Antwerp
soon arrived on the scene and opened
an investigation into the disaster.
They ordered the signal men in charge
of the switches under arrest, although
it is believed by the authorities that
they were blameless.

Prince Albert went to Contich this
evening and visited the wounded, hav-
ing canceled an engagement to preside
at a banquet at Antwerp.

With regard to the cause of the col-
lision, railroad officials stated to-night
that the switches were not working
and that the workman who had been
placed at the temporary hand switch
appears either to have made a mis-
take or to have been deceived. The
engineer, it is stated, saw the danger
and applied the brakes, but it
was too late to avert the disaster.

HOPE TO SETTLE STRIKE

Bill Agreed to End Peace Apparently
in Sight—Strikers Have Gave Up.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 21.—There
is little hope of the selection of a third
arbitrator to bring about cessation of
the street railway strike. To-night
the mediators adjourned until 9 o'clock
to-morrow morning, when this question
will be taken up again. With the bill
of the arbitrators, which was agreed to
by the arbitrators selected, it is gen-
erally considered that peace now is in
sight. A serious contention was re-
moved to-day, when the present em-
ployees of the company agreed to have
their status as employees restored to
them. A car on East One hundred
and Fifth Street was blown up by dy-
namite to-night and a few persons were
injured, one probably fatally. The
car